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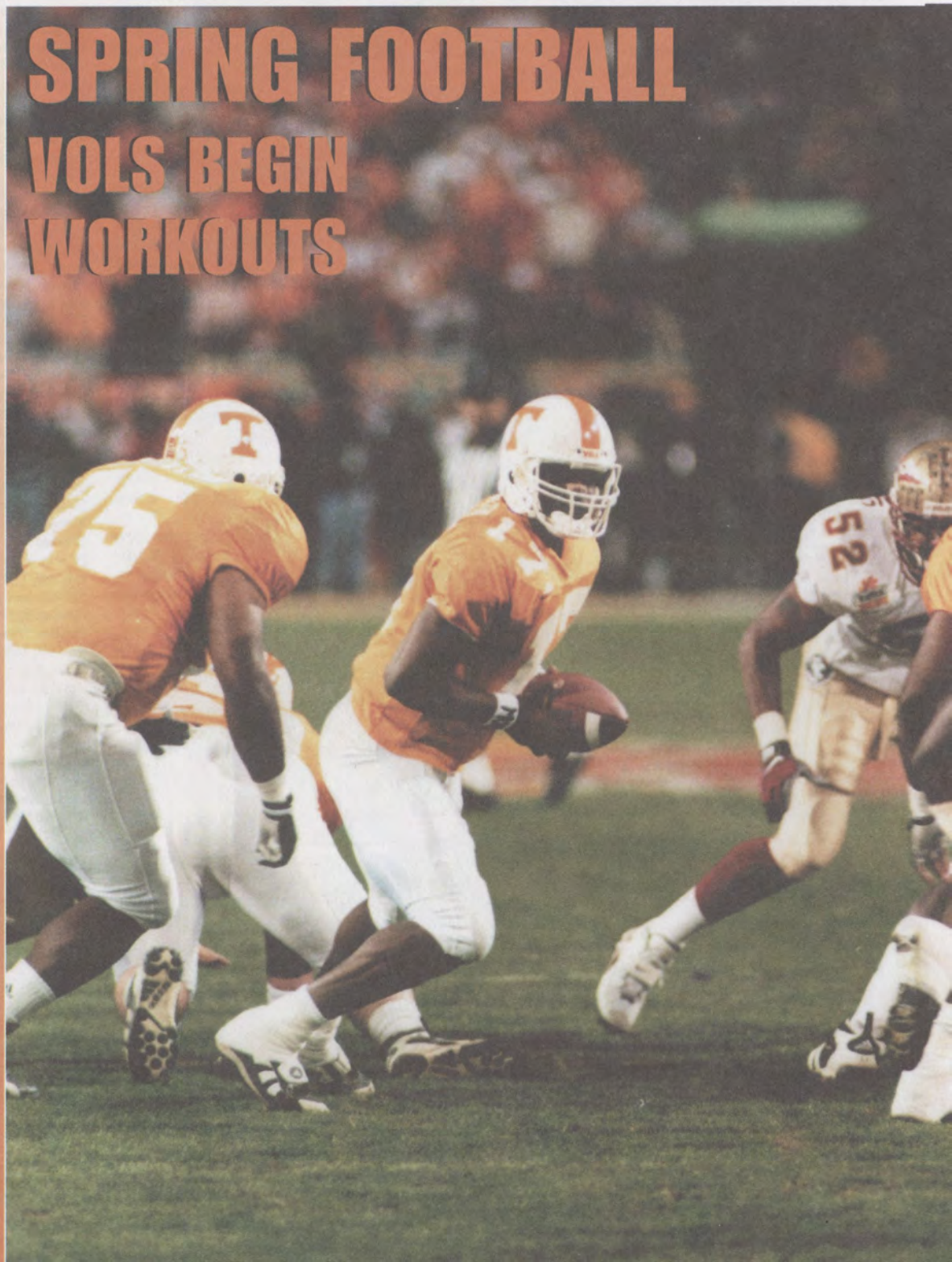

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Update on Lettermen's Wall

Interest seems to continue to be strong in the completion of the *Wall of Fame* to be erected here on the campus. Some good things have happened and it now appears we could possibly start construction earlier than we originally planned. As a matter of fact if we can continue to raise funds at the rate we have been going we can possibly have the project completed sometime during the 1999 football season. It is still necessary for us to have all of the funds prior to beginning construction; however, we can accept pledges for amounts to be paid by the completion date.

We have received contributions from more than 400 individuals representing all sports. This represents approximately 30% of our "T" Club members along with a few who are not currently members. We greatly appreciate the interest that has been shown to date, but we are asking all lettermen to assist us in raising the balance of funds needed to complete this project.

We will be contacting each and every letterman that we have an address for to ask his/her input as to how their name should appear on the *Wall*. Many people have used nicknames and may wish to have the nickname on the *Wall* or they may wish to have their actual name. In the case of females, some may wish to use their maiden name or include their married name. These letters will be sent out in early summer.

If you have not made your contribution or if you can possibly make an additional contribution we will certainly appreciate it. Keep in mind this is a 100% tax deductible donation.

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———*Gordon Polofsky, Wall of Fame Committee Chair*

Lettermen's Spring Weekend

Reservations for the Golf Tournament, to be held on April 23rd at Willow Creek Golf Club, are slowly coming in. This tournament is becoming the "good time" tournament, so named because lettermen say the most important thing about it is having a good time with former teammates and other Tennessee lettermen who range in age from 20-80+. In addition to a good time there will be prizes, lunch, and refreshments following play. Many lettermen are setting their own foursomes, however the golf committee will make up foursomes of those who do not have someone in particular to play with. The cost is $50.00. We will be limited in the number of golfers we can accept. Please help us by sending your reservation and money as soon as possible, but no later than April 5, 1999. **We are still looking for hole sponsors at the rate of $100.00 per hole.** Lettermen who sponsor a hole may play free. If you have questions regarding the golf tournament call Judy at 423/974-9054.

Lettermen who miss the family outing at the Keith McCord farm on April 24th will miss a real treat. This is an ideal place for families and we have been invited to spend the day and early evening (10:00 A.M. until dark). There are both horses and ponies to ride, canoes and paddle boats for riding around the lake, fishing, hiking, games, and good food. There is no charge for lettermen and their families to attend this outing; however, we do ask that you make reservations no later than April 19th. A map will be provided to all those who make reservations. You may call Judy at 423/974-9054 if you have questions.

Once again this year lettermen are invited to bring families to Neyland Stadium for pictures and autographs prior to the 3:00 P. M. Orange & White Game on April 24, 1999.

We have received a donation from Chuck Locke in honor of Stan & Sylvia Huntsman.

—Lettermen's Club

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Coggins, Roger	48-49	FB,BS
Dingus, Victor R.	67-69	FB
Dobelstein, Robert	42,44-45	FB
Ensor, Rusty	81-82	BS
Falco, Joe	63-64	FB
Filson, David	68-69	FB
Flora, Charlie	49-50	FB
Fulton, Charles	65-67	FB,BS
Hall, Roy V.	66-67	TK,CC
Hamilton, Harry W., III	70-73	SW
Hann, William S.	67-69	BK
Hopkins, B B	51-53	BS
Johnson, Steve	93	FB
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Kaseta, Vince	49-51	FB
Korik, Martin	47-48	TK
Kozar, Andy	50-52	FB
Letner, Robert	58-60	FB,TK
Locke, Chuck	81-82	TK
Lucci, Michael	60-61	FB
Lyons, Buddy	49-51	FB,TK
Marino, Rick	66-68	FB
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Matson, John	86-89	SW
Milner, Orvis	46-47	FB
Mixon, B. Manley, III	68-70	FB
Moeller, Gene	51-52	FB,TK
Morrow, Russ	44-45	FB
O'Brien, Joe	71-73	BS
Pruett, Kenneth	49-50	FB
Quillen, Ford	58	FB
Robinette, Pat	63-65	BK
Robinson, Charles	56	FB
Rudder, David	78-79	FB
Rushin, Donald	54	FB
Ryan, Pat	77	FB
Shields, David	61	FB
Slowey, Mike	77,79	SW
Smartt, Leon	58-60	FB
Smith, Tom	88	GF
Spurling, Richard	55-56	BS
VanMeter, John	81-84	SW
Williams, Dick	66-68	FB
Wilson, Eddie	71-73	FB
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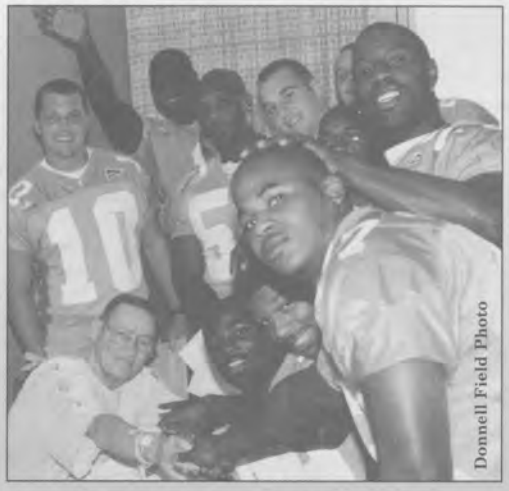
Donnell Field Photo

Shannon Graham Photo

Above: Donte Stallworth visited with children at Lonsdale Elementary School last fall. Selected students received an autographed football.

Above: Vol football players brighten up the day of a heart patient at The University of Tennessee Hospital last fall. Players visited four Knoxville hospitals signing autographs for children and other patients.

Right and Below: Cross Country Coach, George Watts and team members assisted and encouraged runners in the Race for the Cure.

In addition to these activities, the men's Tennis and Golf teams visited patients at East Tennessee Children's Hospital. C.J. Black, men's Basketball, participated in a national celebration of Dr. Suess's birthday by reading to third and fourth graders at Sterchi Elementary School. Brandon Wharton also visited students at Sterchi Elementary. The men's Track and Field team hosted South-Doyle Middle School's annual visit to Tom Black Track. Members of the men's Golf team assisted with the recent Golf Show to benefit the American Cancer Society.

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A Look at the Spring Practice...

VOLS PREPARE TO DEFEND TITLE

I want to begin by saying how excited our football team and staff are to start spring practice. I have been very pleased with the attitude of the team in the off-season to this point. They've worked hard and the speed and strength numbers are in line with what you would expect them to do in normal progress and maturity. There are still many, many challenges ahead for this team to be as good as we want to be. Last year at this time we were very concerned about the leadership of the team. It turned out to be a strength for us. I've been pleased with the upperclassmen and the way they've gone about their business. I think there is some good leadership capability on this team. They have to go do it.

A couple of midterm additions, A.J. Suggs and Anthony Sessions, have fit in nicely and will have a chance to compete for playing time this spring. Sessions sprained his foot before spring break and his status is limited at this point.

Our focus has been on the 1999 season. Our leadership has continued to grow. We're looking for guys to set an example and that's been good. One of the keys of our team this year is the progress of a number of redshirt freshmen and sophomores, and what they get done in establishing themselves at their positions and how much strength and maturity they've gained during the off-season. The question is how much they will contribute either as starters or as reserves. We've tried to play a lot of people.

We'll continue to look at getting the best 11 players on the field. That dictates moving some people during spring practice and our team has been very unselfish that way. Fred Weary will start on offense, although he's not going to be able to do a lot of full-speed work. I would expect for him to be a starter. He has a great attitude and his strength and work ethic are exactly what we're looking for to fit in with the other returning starters.

Burney Veazey will start out at wide receiver although he will keep his hand in at quarterback as we go along. He doesn't want to play another year behind Tee. He is a good enough athlete he should be able to help us at wide receiver. Bernard Jackson will start off at middle linebacker. I think he needs to find a place to be a starter. One of the biggest keys for him is how much he matures as far as understanding the position and from a consistency standpoint with his work ethic. He has a lot of ability and should be a starter somewhere on this team.

One of the goals of spring practice is to find who will be our starters at wide receiver. Cedrick Wilson and David Martin return and Eric Parker should be in there, but I'm really anxious to see what Bobby Graham, Leonard Scott and Dante Stallworth do this spring. We need to find a starting fullback. Will Bartholomew and Phillip Crosby give us a dimension there as far as being the physical fullbacks that we like. We need

Coach Fulmer and his staff will use this 15-day period to find depth at various positions and will begin to focus on defending their SEC and national championship titles.

somebody who can help us do some of the things Shawn Bryson did in the passing game as well. We need to settle on five, six, seven or eight offensive linemen we can count on. The young guys will be pushed and Toby Champion needs to go ahead and emerge as a player. We need to determine our starting tight end and build depth as much as we can.

Defensively, the search is on for a middle linebacker. I mentioned Bernard Jackson. Chris Ramseur has played there and will return for spring practice. He's done what we've told him and that will be monitored. Hopefully, we won't have a problem. Keyon Whiteside is a good-looking young prospect and, if Austin Kemp's back is well enough, they have a chance to play there. We'll look at Eric Westmoreland in the middle at times and that opens up a great opportunity for Dominique Stevenson to get work at strong linebacker. That might be our best combination of starters.

We have one secondary spot open, but we're going to put the best four out there who show the most consistency and discipline. We'll find out who those guys are. There's really good competition at strong safety.

In the kicking game, we lost a great player in Jeff Hall. A primary goal going into the spring will be to see what Robert Loudermilk and the other walk-on candidates can do before we get into two-a-days. I'm looking from consistency from David Leaverton. The competition for a backup kicker is wide open.

Our first goal is to make Tennessee a better team during spring practice. We'll look at our top opponents and take a day to look at Wyoming. We won't get away from being a physical football team that runs the ball and stops the run. There's a good attitude. We're pleased but not satisfied as we head into phase two of the year. I'm anxious to see the intensity in spring practice. We will push our best players the hardest as we always have, and they'll have a chance to set the example.

—Phillip Fulmer

NOTE: Fulmer introduced new assistant coaches Woody McCorvey (running backs) and Larry Slade (defensive backs)...He also announced David Blackburn as Assistant Athletic Director for Football Administration and Compliance to oversee administrative processes in the football office...On the injury front, Fulmer said Tee Martin (ankle) goes into spring practice 100 percent; Jamal Lewis (knee) is very close to 100 percent, but will be limited and will have no contact; Raynoch Thompson will not participate in spring drills as he works to recover from an ankle injury; DeAngelo Lloyd will be somewhat limited (shoulder): Phillip Crosby will be limited (knee) but should do most of the work; Judd Granzow (shoulder) will be limited quite a bit from contact; Billy Ratliff is as good as he's been in some time and his leg is stronger than it's been, but he will be guarded in terms of contact; Eric Westmoreland and Gerald Griffin are 100 percent; and Fred Weary will be very limited from foot surgery...Darwin Walker will get limited football work due to track. Willie Miles, Leonard Scott, Teddy Gaines and Travis Stephens will be trying to earn their stripes from a football standpoint unless there is a track meet...John Henderson will start at defensive tackle...Fulmer said team captains could be announced later this spring.

Players' thoughts on Spring Practice

"We have a lot of young talent in the receiving corps, and it is just a matter of Coach Washington putting everything together. We are going to work on putting all of our talent we have at receiver together this spring. All of the receivers basically know the offense so there will be a lot of rotation among the receivers.

"I am one of the veterans now so I have to step up and be a leader. I have been a vocal leader every since I have been here. I need to be a leader by example now."

—Vol wide receiver Cedrick Wilson

"We are really looking for who is going to be the placekicker, and it is time for me to step up. I have been waiting on this for four years, and I am looking forward to spring practice. I am ready to establish myself as the placekicker. Everybody has a shot at being the placekicker, and it is there for somebody to win. The best man for the job will get it."

—Vol placekicker Robert Loudermilk

"We have to stay hungry and can't be happy with what we have done. We have to keep working hard and don't get relaxed. We have to keep going about business. We lost some great leaders, and Al Wilson left some big shoes to fill. I need to lead to by example and show the guys the right way to work."

—Vol linebacker Raynoch Thompson

"Our off-season workouts went well and step two is spring practice. I want to work on my consistency and be good player every day. I need to work on getting mentally ready during the week of preparation for games. I have to work on my consistency during practice, and I want to do that this spring. We have to stay hungry and try to earn respect."

— Vol defensive back Dwayne Goodrich

"I am still working hard and working hard at being the kind of leader I want to be for this football team. The guys on this football team won't let you rest. Every time you go in the weight room you forget about the national championship and last season. You work hard again. We are looking forward to getting better."

— Vol quarterback Tee Martin

FROM THE HARDWOOD...

A Few Notes on the 1998-99 Season

VOLS WIN SEC EAST BY SWEEPING DEFENDING NCAA CHAMPS

Tennessee won its first Southeastern Conference Eastern Division title since league divisional play began in 1992 with a 68-61 win over defending national champion Kentucky Feb. 28. UT defeated Kentucky earlier in the season, 47-46, at Lexington.

The Vols closed the regular season on a roll, winning their last six games, including three road tests, to take the division title. It's the first title of any kind for the Vols on the hardwood since winning the 1982 SEC Championship. UT's six-game winning streak to close the regular season was the Vols longest in SEC play since the 1982 team opened league play with a 9-0 mark.

C.J. Black was hampered by a knee injury late in the season and is looking forward to returning to the form of last year (1997-98)when he set a UT record for blocks in a season. --TSP Photo.

VOLS EARN 20TH VICTORY; FIRST BACK-TO-BACK 20 WIN SEASONS SINCE 1984-85

Tennessee entered the NCAA Tournament with a 20-8 record, the first time the Vols topped the 20-win mark in the regular season since 1981. The Vols won their last six games of the regular season to reach to 20-win plateau for the 16th time in school history. Coupled with last year's 20-9 record, this year marks the first back-to-back 20-win seasons for Tennessee since 1984-85.

This year marks the 16th Tennessee team to register at least 20 victories in a season. The school record for victories in a season is 22, set by the 1977 and 1985 squads.

UT'S 20-VICTORY SEASONS (16)

1948: 20-5	**1979:** 21-12*
1965: 20-5	**1981:** 21-8*
1967: 21-7*	**1982:** 20-10*
1968: 20-6	**1983:** 20-12*
1969: 21-7	**1984:** 21-14
1971: 21-7	**1985:** 22-15
1976: 21-6*	**1998:** 20-9*
1977: 22-6*	**1999:** 20-8*

GREEN ACHIEVES MOST UT WINS IN FIRST TWO SEASONS

Head coach Jerry Green's 40 wins are the most ever for a Tennessee coach in his first two seasons at the helm. Green's first team finished the season 20-9 a year ago and paced UT to a 21-9 mark this season. Don DeVoe (1979-80) and Emmett Lowery (1948-49) each won 39 games in their first two seasons at UT.

VOLS VS. RANKED TEAMS

Tennessee is 4-3 this season against ranked teams with four of those games played away from Thompson-Boling Arena. The Vols were 3-0 at home vs. ranked opponents (Kentucky, Florida,Pittsburgh), 1-2 on the road (Kentucky-win; Auburn-loss) and 0-1 on a neutral court (Arizona@Albuquerque).

VOLS VS. RANKED TEAMS IN 1998-99

(3-0 home, 1-2 road, 0-1 neutral)

Arizona (18/20)	L	72-73
PITTSBURGH (20/21)	W	56-53
@Auburn (17/15)	L	62-90
@Kentucky (6/6)	W	47-46
@Arkansas (23/23)	L	52-69
FLORIDA (23/24)	W	91-56
KENTUCKY (13/11)	W	68-61

(AP/ESPN-USA Today rankings)

WHARTON AND HARRIS NAMED ALL-SEC

Brandon Wharton and Tony Harris were chosen All-SEC by the league's coaches and the Associated Press

Wharton, who was named to the second-team, is a three-time All-SEC pick by the coaches. He was also picked to the coaches' All-Freshman team in 1996. He was a third-team pick by the AP.

Harris, who was named third-team this season by the coaches, was a second-team selection by the AP. He also named All-SEC by the coaches last season as a freshman, as well as to the SEC's All-Freshman team. He was the SEC's co-Newcomer of the Year, along with Georgia's Jumaine Jones, by the Associated Press a year ago.

WHARTON MOVES TO 9TH ON VOLS' ALL-TIME SCORING LIST

Brandon Wharton ranks ninth on Tennessee's all-time scoring list with 1651 points.

Wharton scored 17 points in the season finale against Kentucky, passing Michael Brooks (1600) for the No. 9 spot on the Vols' all-time scoring list.

He ranks second on the Vols' all-time three-point field goal list with 231, while connecting on 39.9 percent (231-of-578) of his career three-point attempts. Earlier this season he became just the 19th player in SEC history to score 200 career triples. He currently ranks 14th on the SEC's all-time three-point FG list.

UT'S ALL-TIME SCORING LIST (TOP 10)

1. Allan Houston (1990-93)	2801
2. Ernie Grunfeld (1974-770	2249
3. Tony White (1984-87)	2219
4. Reggie Johnson (1977-80)	2103
5. Dale Ellis (1980-83)	2065

6. Bernard King (1975-77) 1962
7. Dyron Nix (1986-89) 1877
8. Carl Widseth (1953-56) 1683
9. BRANDON WHARTON (1995-1999) 1651
10. Michael Brooks (1981-85) 1600

UT'S ALL-TIME 3PT FG LIST

1. Allan Houston (1990-93) 346
2. B. WHARTON (1996-1999) .231
3. Greg Bell (1988-91) 171
4. Lang Wiseman (1990-93) 152

WHARTON STANDS TALL IN UT RECORD BOOK

Brandon Wharton closed his career as one of Tennessee's most productive players of all-time. The Nashville senior ranks in the school's top 10 in seven categories and needed just three more free throws to make it eight.

WHARTON IN UT RECORD BOOK

(Career Stats)

Scoring	1651	9th
3PT FG	231	2nd
3PT FG%	39.9	2nd
3PT FG/Game	2.02	2nd
Free Throws	335	11th
Free Throw %	75.5	10th
Assists	315	8th
Steals	150	4th

WHARTON ACHIEVES ANOTHER UT MILESTONE

Brandon Wharton became just the fourth player in UT history to record at least 1000 points and 300 assists at South Carolina Feb. 20.

The Nashville senior ranks ninth on the Vols' all-time scoring list with 1651 points and ranks eighth on the assists chart with 315.

UT'S 1000 POINTS/300 ASSISTS CLUB

Allan Houston (1990-1993) . . . . 2801 pts/460 assists

WHARTON (1996-1999) . . . . 1651 pts/315 assists

Michael Brooks (1981-1985) . . . . 1600 pts/397 assists

Fred Jenkins (1984-1987) . . . . 1149 pts/388 assists

DOUBLE-TROUBLE FROM VICTOR

Isiah Victor lead the Vols with seven double-doubles this season, including back-to-back double-doubles against Alabama (Jan. 30) and Arkansas (Feb. 2). He recorded his seventh double-double of the season against Delaware (14 points, 14 rebounds) in the NCAA Tournament.

Victor has tallied double figure point totals in 16 games this season and pulled down double-digit rebound totals in seven.

VICTOR'S 1998-99 DOUBLE-DOUBLES

CAL ST-NORTH	14pts	14 reb
UT-CHATT.	10pts	10 reb
W. CAROLINA	21pts	10 reb
ALABAMA	14pts	12 reb
@Arkansas	14pts	15 reb
Miss. State#	11pts	12 reb
Delaware$	14pts	14 reb

#SEC Tournament
$NCAA Tournament

BLACK: UT'S ALL-TIME LEADER IN BLOCKED SHOTS

C.J. Black became Tennessee's all-time blocked shot leader earlier this season.

The Chattanooga junior ended the season with 157 career blocked shots. He blocked two in the Vols' final regular season game against Kentucky and currently ranks fourth in the SEC, averaging 1.6 per game after leading the league last season.

He also entered the NCAA Tournament ranked fourth in the SEC in free throw shooting, connecting on 81 percent from the line. For his career, Black has connected on 76.7 percent (317-of-413) at the charity stripe, ranking eighth on UT's all-time list (min. 350 att.).

VOLS LEAD SEC IN BLOCKED SHOTS; RANK SECOND IN FG PERCENTAGE DEFENSE

The Vols lead the SEC in blocked shots, averaging 6.6 blocks per game this season. UT has three players in the league's top 10 in blocks--Black (1.6-4th), Charles Hathaway (1.2--9th) and Isiah Victor (1.2--9th).

Tennessee also ranked second in the league in field goal percentage defense, holding opponents to 38.2 percent from the field, just behind Kentucky's 37.7. During the Vols' six-game winning streak to close the regular season, UT limited its foes to 36.7 percent from the field. Tennessee ranked 12th nationally in field goal percentage defense in the last NCAA statistics released before the tournament.

INDIVIDUAL BEST PERFORMANCES

POINTS

26 Isiah Victor vs MEMPHIS - Dec 2
25 Brandon Wharton vs Mississippi - Feb 17
25 Tony Harris vs Arizona - Nov 13
23 Tony Harris vs MISSISSIPPI STATE. - Feb 6
23 Brandon Wharton vs ALABAMA - Jan 30
23 Vincent Yarbrough vs South Florida - Dec 19
22 Rashard Lee vs South Carolina - Feb 20
22 Vincent Yarbrough vs GEORGIA - Jan 20
21 Brandon Wharton vs Vanderbilt - Jan 27
21 Isiah Victor vs Florida - Jan 23 / vs WESTERN CAROLINA - Nov 30
21 Brandon Wharton vs GEORGIA - Jan 20
21 Tony Harris vs SOUTH CAROLINA Jan 9

FIELD GOALS

9 Isiah Victor vs Florida - Jan 23 / vs MEMPHIS - Dec 2
9 Vincent Yarbrough vs GEORGIA - Jan 20
9 Tony Harris vs Arizona - Nov 13
8 Rashard Lee vs South Carolina - Feb 20
8 Brandon Wharton vs Mississippi - Feb 17
8 Isiah Victor vs Miami (Ohio) - Nov 19
7 Isiah Victor vs Delaware - Mar 12
7 Brandon Wharton, Four times; Last: vs KENTUCKY - Feb 28
7 Tony Harris vs MISSISSIPPI STATE - Feb 6 / vs SOUTH CAROLINA - Jan 9
7 Vincent Yarbrough vs South Florida - Dec 19
7 Rashard Lee vs WESTERN CAROLINA - Nov 30

3-POINT FIELD GOALS

7 Tony Harris vs Arizona - Nov 13
6 Tony Harris vs MISSISSIPPI STATE - Feb 6
5 Brandon Wharton vs Vanderbilt - Jan 27

FREE THROWS

12 C.J. Black vs MISSISSIPPI STATE - Feb 6
12 Brandon Wharton vs CAL STATE NORTHRIDGE - Nov 17
9 Tony Harris vs KENTUCKY - Feb 28
9 C.J. Black vs GEORGIA - Jan 20
8 Isiah Victor vs MEMPHIS - Dec 2
7 Tony Harris, Three times; Last: vs Georgia - Feb 23
7 C.J. Black vs LSU - Jan 6
7 Charles Hathaway vs TENNESSEE STATE - Nov 15
7 Isiah Victor vs TENENSSEE STATE - Nov 15

REBOUNDS

15 Isiah Victor vs Arkansas - Feb 2
14 Isiah Victor vs Delaware - Mar 12 / vs CAL STATE NORTHRIDGE - Nov 17
12 Isiah Victor vs ALABAMA - Jan 30 / vs Mississippi State - Mar 5
12 Vincent Yarbrough vs Kentucky - Jan 12
11 Vincent Yarbrough vs GEORGIA - Jan 20
10 C.J. Black vs GEORGIA - Jan 20 / vs LSU - Jan 6
10 Isiah Victor vs WESTERN CAROLINA - Nov 30 / vs UT-CHATTANOOGA - Nov 24

ASSISTS

8 Tony Harris vs FLORIDA - Feb 10 / vs Vanderbilt - Jan 27
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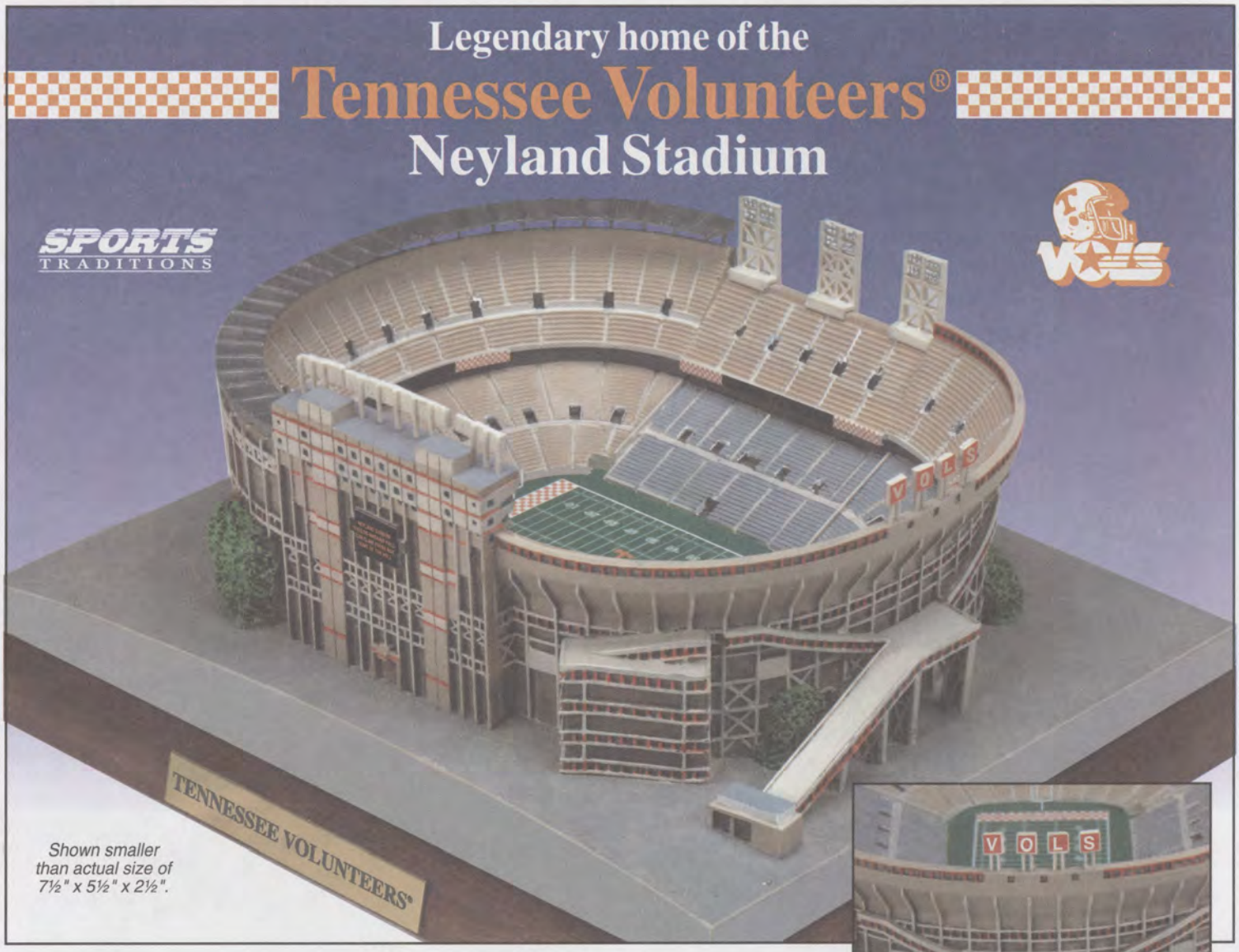

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Ben Byrd on the Vols...
Honoring John Ward

In all the heartfelt and well-deserved tributes to John Ward I've heard and read about during his final season as "Voice of the Vols," not one mention has been given to the time the young Ward made a very significant piece of UT broadcasting history.

It was January 1954. Tennessee was opening its Southeastern Conference home basketball schedule, and, in a daring move for that time, Knoxville's Channel 26 had arranged to televise the game, the first ever Vol cage game to be carried on the tube. The announcer? John Ward.

I remember it well because Guy Smith III, the TV station manager, had asked me to contact Vol coach Emmett Lowery and see if he were willing to give it a whirl. There was no money involved; Channel 26 was a UHF station that didn't reach a whole lot of homes. But Lowery was enthusiastic about the idea. he wanted as much exposure for the basketball program as he could get.

Not so Dean N. W. Dougherty, the longtime faculty chairman of UT athletics. I can remember that wonderful old fellow shaking his ehad and saying, :"We had better make them pay for the empty seats." In those early days of television, the new medium was regarded as a threat to attendance.

But Dougherty's warning fell on deaf ears. I don't recall whether Lowery got athletic director Bob Neyland to back him up or just went ahead on his own, but when the Vols and the Vanderbilt Commodores tipped it off, there was young Mr. Ward with a microphone and, I think, one camera, perched in the balcony at the old Alumni Gym. UT basketball had moved into the television era.

As it turned out, they couldn't have picked a better game. For some reason or other, I can recall that contest quite clearly, while most others of that era have escaped me. I recall that Vol star Ed Wiener, who had suffered a concussion a week earlier in the All-American tournament at Owensboro, Ky., played wearing a protective headpiece that looked very much like a football helmet. Vanderbilt led going into the lat four or five minutes of the game, but the Vols staged a furious rally, scoring some 14 or 15 straight points to win the game. The book tells me the final score was 62-53.

And the attendance? TV didn't keep anybody away. Alumni Memorial only held about 3300 spectators and every seat was filled.

I was covering the game for the old Knoxville Journal and I didn't get to wtach the telecast, but everyone said that Ward had done an excellent job, which didn't surprise me at all. I had known there was big league talent there before almost anyone else did.

John was working on the Journal sports staff in the early 1950s when the sportscasting bug first hit him. Radio station WKGN, which had been broadcasting high school football and basketball games for several years with first Lindsey Nelson and then Jack Britton, was looking for a new sports voice, and John applied. His first broadcast, as I recall it, was a high school basketball game, and the only way he could get the time away from the office was ot do it by covering the game for The Journal simultaneously. So, for a whle there, he would wear two hats when he went out to cover the games.

He left The Journal for fulltime work once he had established himself in that medium. I don't suppose that anyone could second-guess that decision now, but the fact is that he would have been a very fine sportswriter if he had chosen to stay with us ink-stained wretches. He was a good wordsmith and he always took a professionaJournal staff in those days. Haywood Harris sayed with us a few years longer than John before venturing out iinto the real world, if tl approach to his work, thinsg which later stood him in good stead behind the mike. We had another bright young writer on The hat's what the UT sports information office is.

In those tributes to Ward, the references are to his 30 years, or 35 years, as "Voice of the Vols." Actually, it goes back a bit further than that. He did the play-by-play for Tennessee basketball back in the 1950s, during Lowery's term as coach, but it was on a lone radio station. The Vol Network for basketball had not been formed yet. That happened in the mid-1960s, after Ray Mears took over the Vol cage program and lured John away from his public relations work with a Knoxville advertising agency long enough to do the games. Then in the late 1960s, he replaced George Mooney as the football voice, during Doug Dickey's tenure as grid coach.

John has said that the response to his retirement has somewhat overwhelmed him, and I can understand that. After all, he is basically a reporter of breaking news and not a participant in the action. But I expect that the secret lies in his affinity with the fans. Players and coaches may come and go, but John was always there, a clear, cool and familiar voice who served as a link between the fans and their beloved Vols. A voice that resonated with accuracy and integrity. And what all those folks are saying now is something that was written long ago.

"Well done, my good and faithful friend."

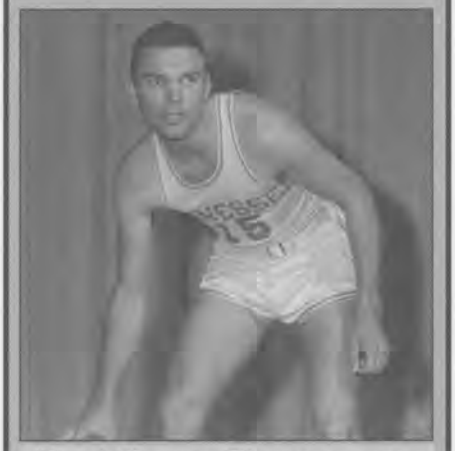
Former Vol
Herman Thompson (1954-57)

During his four years as a Vol, Alcoa's Herman Thompson saw his scoring average increase each of his four varsity years. He averaged 7.1 as a freshman, 14.1 as a sophomore, 18.0 as a junior and 19.1 as a senior. His 1319 points ranked 14th in Vol annals entering 1998-99.

Thompson led the 1957 team in scoring and shot 74.8 percent from the line to also lead the team. He was one of five Vols to average in double figures for the 1957 team.

Thompson and his wife, Peggy, have endowed a $50,000 University scholarship in memory of their son, Alan.

For his part, Herman Thompson is retired after 37 years in sales and sales managment for Honeywell, Prime Computer and Motorola. He lives in Atlanta.



Alcoa's Herman Thompson was a consistent scorer for the Vols from 1954-57, averaging 14.6 points per game over his 90-game career.

Swimming and Diving Second at SECs

Tennessee's swimming and diving squad rode the wave of four individual titles to a second-place finish at the 1999 Southeastern Conference Championships in Lexington, Ky. The Volunteers scored 700 team points to place behind Auburn with 857.5 and ahead of third-place Georgia with 550.

Three UT sophomores combined to capture four SEC crowns while the Vols also claimed eight other runnerup finishes to secure the 11th second-place finish in school history.

Leading the Vols at the 1999 SEC meet was sophomore diver Gabi Chereches who won championships in three-meter diving and platform diving while finishing second in one-meter diving. Chereches, who set a conference meet record by scoring 629.50 points off the three-meter board, shared the "Performer of the Meet Award" with Auburn's Aaron Ciarla and also earned a tie for the Commissioner's Trophy, given to the meet's top scorer. Chereches scored 57 points, tying with Auburn's Brock Newman.

Sophomore Michael Gilliam etched his name in the SEC history book by becoming the third member of his family to win the 100 backstroke title. Gilliam reached the wall in a time of 47.25 to join his father Steve, who was 100 backstroke champion 1968-70, and brother Craig, who won the 100 backstroke championship in 1996, as 100 back champs.

One of the grittiest performances of the meet was delivered by UT's Zane DeWitz when he came from two body lengths down to capture the 200 individual medley title. DeWitz turned in a time of 1:47.79 to become the first Vol since Lee Engstrand in 1976 to win the SEC 200 I.M. crown. The East Wenatchee, Wash., native returned on Saturday to finish as the runnerup in the 200 butterfly, almost scoring another come from behind victory. Those two finishes, combined with an eighth-place finish in the 100 butterfly gave DeWitz 48 points for the meet, ranking second on the team and ninth in the conference.

Andrew Black Takes Medalist Honors

Tennessee Freshman Andrew Black is the individual medalist after the final day of the Alabama Spring Invitational in Montgomery. Black, who played as an individual, fired rounds of 68-69-73—210 to mark personal collegiate bests for low round, best tournament finish, and best 54-hole score.

The Vols posted scores of 292-285-302—879 to finish tied for eighth with South Alabama. The second-round score of 285, is a low round for Tennessee this season. Sophomore Andy Brimer lead the Orange and White posting scores of 77-67-73—217, to finish tied for 16th.

Tennis Squad Pulls Upset

The 15th-ranked Tennessee tennis team (12-5, 3-2 SEC) upset 12th-ranked Pepperdine 4-3 Friday in Malibu, Calif. With the win, the Vols avenged a 5-2 loss at the hands of Pepperdine on Feb. 20 at the National Team Indoor Championships. Pepperdine fell to 13-4 overall. Tennessee notched a perfect 3-0 record during their spring break road trip. On the trip, the Vols also beat 43rd-ranked UNLV 4-3 and 74th-ranked Princeton 6-1.

Track Claims First Prize in Opening Outdoor Season

Tennessee opened its 1999 outdoor track season in Athens, Ga., and came home with a first-place team finish. The Vols tallied 146 points to defeat conference foes Georgia (131) and Kentucky (63) and captured seven first-place finishes on the day.

Brock Smith took first in the 800M Run and Anthony Famiglietti captured the steeplechase with a time of 9:09.11. Doug Ellington finished a strong second behind Famiglietti in his first action of the year and Joe Dickson finished third. Russell Johnson won the pole vault clearing 16-4 3/4 as teammate Clint Binder finished runner-up. In the long jump, Camron Howard took first with a jump of 24-4 1/4, followed by Jason Waters who recorded a mark of 24-1 in his first action of the year.

Lady Vols 18TH at NCAA Swimming and Diving

The Tennessee Lady Vol swimming and diving team claimed 18th place with 72 points at the 1999 NCAA Swimming and Diving Championships on Saturday at the Gabrielsen Natatorium in Athens, Ga. Senior Sarah Nichols finished seventh in the 1650-yard freestyle, and senior diver Kathy Pesek took fourth on the platform as both closed out their UT careers.

Lady Vols Sixth in South Carolina

After four hours of play in Sunday's final round of the Lady Gamecock Classic, rain forced the cancellation of the round at The University Club course in Blythewood, S.C. The Tennessee Lady Vol golf team concluded the tournament in sixth place, with a two-round total of 626 on the par 72, 5,996-yard layout.

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THIS WEEK IN BIG ORANGE COUNTRY

Vols Sweep Bearcats

After falling to 1-5 in the SEC after being swept by Florida in Gainesville, Tennessee's baseball squad tried to right the ship with two games against the Bearcats from Cincinnati. At this point the young squad is looking for confidence and wins from any place they can get them.

Tennessee swept the two-game series winning 13-10 and 5-1, but it was not without its moments.

The Vols jumped out to an early lead in the second game thanks to a three-run shot by Donnie Ross in the bottom of the first inning. Ross' home run was the only hit of the inning as the Bearcats were guilty of an error and a walk that brought Ross to the plate.

After the Vols had built a 9-2 lead, the Bearcats struck for four runs in the top of the fourth as five Cincinnati players reached base before the first out was recorded. Chris Hamblen had a career night for Cincinnati collecting four hits, of which there were two doubles and six RBIs. The Bearcats had 11 total hits on the night.

Tennessee responded with a run of their own in the bottom half of the inning as Stevie Daniel singled in Jeff Baumtrog who had doubled.

Justin Parker started on the mound for the Vols but lasted only five innings before giving way to Logan Brummitt. Brummitt sat the Bearcats down in order in the sixth but ran into trouble in the seventh. Brummitt was guilty of just plain bad luck as Cincinnati capitalized on bloop singles and a walk. This brought on junior college transfer Brad Love. Love got the Vols out of the inning but not before the Bearcats had closed the gap to 10-9.

Jamie Bennett has filled in nicely for the Vols on the mound.

As Tennessee went into the bottom of the seventh they were looking for some much needed runs and they found them.

Parker stayed in the game as the DH and had a two-run double which was followed by a Ross single to give Tennessee a 13-10 lead heading into the eighth.

Love finished the eighth and ninth quietly for his first save on the year, while allowing only one run in his three innings of work.

Parker (2-0) got the win in his career-high five innings while allowing six runs, four earned, on five hits. For Cincinnati, Kyle DiEduardo (0-1) was tagged for six earned runs in 2 2/3 innings in the loss. Ross went 3-for-5 on the night including his eighth home run of the season to go along with a triple and a single and three RBIs on the night.

Game one of the series with the Bearcats belonged to Jamie Bennett (6-1) who went the distance for his fourth complete game of the season in the Vols 5-1 win at Lindsey Nelson Stadium. Bennett struck out 10 batters while allowing one run, although it should have been unearned, and allowed six hits.

Bennett leads the conference in innings pitched with 77 and has struck out 73 batters on the season, an average of 8.1 strikeouts per game. He is also holding opponents to a .207 batting average.

—Donnell Field

Lady Vols Open SEC Play

This was the lost weekend for the University of Tennessee's softball team.

It wasn't bad enough to lose two games Friday on last-inning runs by Georgia. It happened two more times Saturday - in even worse fashion.

Georgia (17-10, 4-0 SEC) rallied for three runs in the final inning of the opener for a 5-4 victory in a game UT led 4-0 after 4 and 1/2 innings.

Then the Lady Dawgs scored four runs in the seventh inning of game, wiping out an 8-5 Lady Vols' lead. The final score was 9-8.

It left UT 15-10, 0-4 in the SEC.

Home runs by Amanda Venable and Carrie Swinford - the third of the season for each - helped UT build its first-game lead.

But Georgia's last-inning rally included a two-out, two-run single by Lisa Schutt that tied the game and the winning run scored on the same play on a throwing error by UT.

In game two, Kenyail Norris hit her third-homer for UT and Adrianna Wilson hit her first, a three-run shot in the third inning. But Georgia scored five runs in the second inning.

And in the seventh, Georgia followed two singles by scoring two runs on a UT error and then won it on back-to-back RBI doubles by Jen Bell and Stephanie Halminski.

Tennessee rebounded from the loss to Georgia with a pair of wins over Middle Tennessee State at Tyson Park. In winning 4-2 and 7-0, the Lady Vols ran their all-time record against the Blue Raiders to 12-0.

Lisa Warren went 2-for-3 in the first game with a home run and Amanda Venable notched home runs No. 4 and 5 on the season while going 3-for-4 with four RBIs.

Sarah Ayres (8-5) pitched a four-hit shut out in game two. Up next for Tennessee (17-11) is a visit to Auburn and Alabama for double headers.

Coach Beitia's club was looking for their first SEC win this season in Alabama

SEC Player of the Week - Kelli Fitzgerald

After leading the Big Orange to a perfect 8-0 week and a sweep of their own Lady Vol Spring Invitational, senior second baseman Kelli Fitzgerald was tabbed as the SEC's Player of the Week by the conference office. The Lakewood, Calif., native was selected as the Most Valuable Player of the tournament after hitting .538 (7-of-13) with eight runs batted in, two doubles and her first career grand slam. On the week, the senior batted .458 (11-for-24) with 12 RBIs and a pair of homers, as UT handled Belmont and Indiana three times apiece and Wright State twice.

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Coca-Cola Big Orange Caravan

Here is this year's schedule for the 1999 Coca-Cola Big Orange Caravan, the annual "friends-raiser" for Tennessee's coaches and staff as they travel the Southeast to dine and play golf among Volunteer faithful.

Here is the 1999 Coca-Cola Big Orange Caravan schedule. April 26 -- Memphis; April 27 -- Paris; May 3 -- Kingsport; May 4 -- Sevierville; May 10 -- Chattanooga; May 11 -- Atlanta, Ga.; May 12 -- Charlotte, N.C.; May 13 -- Cincinnati, Ohio; May 17 -- Murfreesboro; May 18 -- Nashville; May 19 -- Columbia; May 26 -- Cookeville and May 27 -- Celina.

There will be 13 stops this year, with five of them (Memphis, Kingsport, Sevierville, Chattanooga and Nashville) including invitation-only golf tournaments for VASF donors as well as dinner for all. The other eight stops will be highlighted by dinners with special speakers. More information will be available as the events draw nearer; watch this space.

Sea Ray Relays

The Tennessee Volunteers will once again host the annual Sea Ray Relays April 7-10. The relays, a chance for current and former Tennessee track and field athletes to showcase their talents against hi-caliber world-class competition as well as other SEC schools' athletes, will be held at the Tom Black Track on the Tennessee campus. Admission is free. Come out and support the UT men's and women's track and field teams as they run for the glory in this exciting four-day event.

Upcoming Baseball Promotions

The Tennessee Volunteer baseball team continues SEC play April 16-18 when it hosts the Mississippi State Bulldogs for a three-game weekend series. Game times are 7 p.m. Friday, 7 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday. Friday's game is WNOX $1 night as all general admission tickets are only $1. Saturday's game is Krystal Baseball Card Day and the first 1500 fans through the turnstiles will receive a free sheet of baseball cards. Sunday's game is not only Fazoli's Fan Appreciation and Little League Day, but it is also Boy Scouts Day. All Boy Scouts in uniform will be admitted free. Contact the Ticket office at (423) 656-1200 for more information or to order tickets.

Baseball Sundays are Special

For each home game on Sundays this season, Tennessee athletics has two special somethings for you. First, Sunday is Fan Appreciation Day sponsored by Fazoli's. Fans may meet and greet their favorite Vols in the Lindsey Nelson Stadium outfield. Sundays are also Little League Day, as all Little League players, in uniform, will receive one general admission ticket free.

The Junior Vols

The University of Tennessee and Chick-fil-A have formed an elite organization offering younger Vol supporters the chance to be a part of something special. The club is known as the Junior Vols and membership is limited to girls and boys ages 13-years-old and under.

For the annual fee of $25, members of the Junior Vols club will receive the official Junior Vols T-shirt and membership card, a birthday card from Smokey, a complimentary subscription to the Junior Vols newsletter (*Paw Prints*) and free admission into certain Tennessee Olympic home sports events, including baseball, swimming, track & field, tennis and golf.

For more information about this official UT kids club, contact David Higdon in the Marketing office at (423) 974-1734.

Junior Vols Day

In conjunction with the annual Orange and White football scrimmage, the Tennessee Athletic Department will sponsor Junior Vols Day at Neyland Stadium on April 24. Activities will include a luncheon and game-day tour of the Neyland Stadium football locker rooms. For more information on Junior Vols Day, contact David Higdon in the Marketing office at (423) 974-1734.

—Compiled by Steve Sams

Lady Vols Hoops...
Duke Ends Tennessee reign of Titles

Now that you have had a little time to let the shock set in, things are not as bad as they really seem. Duke pulled an upset; give them credit for playing well and doing it in front of a nation wide audience. Losing is never a fun thing and it should hurt because if it didn't then the game really didn't matter. At least that is what this writer had been taught. But the sun shined on East Tennessee following the loss and the Lady Vols will rise again, just as surely as Pat Summitt is the head coach.

What should be remembered is not how the game was lost and to whom they lost to. All of this has been well documented since the game took place. It was not the biggest upset in the history of the game. Duke came into the game with 27 wins against quality competition. They had also played Tennessee tough earlier in the season and were well aware of what was at stake. But the game and the team from Tennessee are more than that.

For four years two young ladies changed the way the nation looks at women's basketball. This year's class amassed 131 wins to only 17 losses, for a winning percentage of .885 which is unmatched by any team in the country in Division I over a four year span. Of those 17 losses, 10 came in the 1996-97 year in which they claimed their second consecutive NCAA crown. Other records were set during that four-year span such as 21 consecutive NCAA Tournament wins, Chamique Holdsclaw owning both the NCAA Tournament scoring and rebounding record which she set this year and Tennessee owning attendance records both in total number of fans and average attendance. As a matter of fact, their 17,000 plus average attendance ranked fifth in the country for both men's and women's games, and while the NBA season is still young because of the lockout, they probably will outdraw many NBA teams to an average game.

As for Holdsclaw, she leaves Tennessee with a legacy unequalled in women's athletics. Just this past season she broke the career scoring mark and career rebounding marks in Lady Vol history. She won the prestigious James E. Sullivan award which goes to the nation's top amateur athlete; which also gave Tennessee a distinct title of being one of only two schools in the country to have had back-to-back Sullivan Award winners (Peyton Manning won it last year). For her career she garnered over 84 awards, including the nation's first four-time All-America selection. She won the hearts of thousands throughout the country, both boys and girls. She needed escorts in cities and towns in which Tennessee traveled because of the throngs of people who wanted to catch a glimpse of the nation's best player. And for all of the articles that have been put into print about Holdsclaw, many have compared her exposure and potential to that of Michael Jordan. Boys want to be like Mike and

Chamique Holdsclaw garnered the Associated Press Player-of-the-Year for the second straight year and was also named to the Kodak All-America team along with teammates Semeka Randall and Tamika Catchings. UT Photo file.

(Lady Vol Hoops Continued)

the girls now want to be like Chamique.

Her compatriot, Kellie Jolly, is not without her accolades or respect from coaches, players and peers. She was a consistent point guard who came to the gym every night ready to play. Despite having to repair the same knee twice from ACL tears, she played the game with heart, emotion and with reckless abandon. She owns the NCAA Championship game record for most assists with 11, coming in 1997 against Old Dominion. She is third on the NCAA Championship record books in steals in a championship game with five, also coming against ODU. She is tied for first in most assists in the Final Four with 20. Jolly also made the all-tournament team in all three years that the Lady Vols won the NCAA title. For all that she has done for Tennessee she will also forever be etched in the minds of Volunteer fans as the model of consistency in a point guard.

The following is a few remarks about the first two rounds of the NCAA tournament held at Thompson-Boling Arena.

Tennessee 113, Appalachian St. 54

Tennessee fans were vocal although not as numerous as they were during the season due in part to the late start of the Lady Vols two games at Thompson-Boling Arena. Because the game was telecast on ESPN2, the games did not begin until 9:30 both evenings. For those who came, they saw Chamique at her best. Against Appalachian State Holdsclaw scored 23 points and Tennessee was never threatened as they set a school-record for points in a game with the 113-54 thrashing.

Kellie Jolly may not have been the fastest or flashiest point guard, but beside her name it will say "3 time national championship team member." Need anything else be said.

Tennessee 89, Boston College 62

The second round was game for everyone to remember as Holdsclaw again stole the show scoring a career-high 39 points and ended her career in Thompson-Boling Arena with a salute to the University by going to center court and kissing the floor as she waved to the home crowd one last time. Tennessee led by only one at the half (42-41), but simply turned up the pressure and left Boston College gasping in the second half in the 89-62 triumph. It was a fitting end for two seniors who gave a lot to Tennessee over these four years.

After Holdsclaw left Jolly followed a few moments later in the same fashion. Asked at the post game press conference about the kiss, Holdsclaw said that she and Jolly had talked about doing that but had decided not to do it because it was in her words "cheesy." Watching her leave the game with the kiss on the floor, in my mind, was a class act; a show of thanks to a program that allowed her to showcase her talents and become a complete player. The University and the fans cannot thank her or Jolly enough.

—Donnell Field

Here is the box score from the East Regional Finals.

DUKE 69, TENNESSEE 63

DUKE (28-6)

Browne 2-7 2-2 6, Schweitzer 7-11 5-6 22, VanGorp 5-7 3-4 13, Howard 1-8 0-0 2, Erickson 5-12 6-9 17, Black 0-0 0-0 0, Rice 1-5 6-8 9, Parent 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 21-50 22-29 69.

TENNESSEE (31-3)

Holdsclaw 2-18 4-8 8, Catchings 5-14 2-5 13, Snow 3-5 0-0 6, Jolly 5-9 1-4 11, Randall 8-17 1-1 18, Clement 1-4 0-0 3, Geter 1-1 0-0 2, Butts 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 26-69 8-18 63.

Halftime -- Duke 35, Tennessee 24. **3-Point goals** -- Duke 5-15 (Schweitzer 3-4, Rice 1-2, Erickson 1-6, Browne 0-1, Howard 0-2), Tennessee 3-10 (Randall 1-1, Clement 1-3, Catchings 1-4, Jolly 0-2). **Fouled out** -- Holdsclaw, Snow, Jolly. **Rebounds** -- Duke 42 (Browne 9), Tennessee 39 (Holdsclaw 11). **Assists** -- Duke 14 (Howard 7), Tennessee 7 (Jolly 2). **Total fouls** -- Duke 19, Tennessee 23. **Att.** -- 12,235.

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Faces in Big Orange Country

Donnie Ross is one of the few players remaining from last season's offensive school-record squad. Ross, from Mt. Juliet, batted .274 with 13 HRs and 40 RBIs. This season he has tagged opposing pitchers for three HRs and 11RBIs while hitting .300. Ross has taken his place at third base where he has made only two errors on the season. Last season Ross earned three wins on the mound in five starts in 19.2 innings. Ross came to Tennessee from Columbia State CC where he went to the junior college world series. As a sophomore he batted .384 with 14 HRs and drove in 76 runs. He was drafted by Seattle in the 28th round in 1996. The senior in Sport Management took part in the 1996 Babe Ruth World Series.

Sophomore **Jane Woodard** from Cape Town , South Africa, qualified for the 1999 NCAA Swimming and Diving Championships at the Zone B Diving Championships on Sat., March 13, in Baton Rouge, La. Woodard competed at the NCAA Championships for the first time in her career on March 18-20 in Athens, Ga. Competing internationally, she has represented South Africa at the 1998 Commonwealth Games in Malaysia, as well as the FINA World Championships in Perth, Australia. She is one of three members of the 1998-99 Lady Vol swimming and diving squad from overseas and models herself after former Vol diver and world champion Evan Stewart.

Junior **Amanda Venable** is on her way to putting together an outstanding season in her first year with the Lady Volunteer softball squad. The Rio Linda, Calif., native is hitting a scorching .444 as of March 15, and ranks second on the team in RBI with 17. She has started every game for the Orange and White and is tied for first place with two home runs. Venable batted .500 at the Gladstone's Classic on Feb. 19-21 and at the Wildcat Classic on Feb. 26-28. A junior college transfer from Northern California Community College, Venable was honored as the Bay Valley Conference's Most Valuable Player in 1998.

Senior team-captain **Tom Pappas** broke the NCAA Decathlon record with a point total of 8,463 at the Arizona Invitational Decathlon on March 18. The former record of 8,322, set in 1986, was held by Washington's Mike Ramos. Pappas, a senior captain from Azalea, Ore., won eight of the 10 events and finished runner-up in another. In shattering his previous career best of 7,677, Pappas moved into sixth on the USA all-time decathlon list. Pappas earned All-America honors in 1997 before redshirting due to injury during the 1998 season. Prior to joining the Vols, Pappas competed at Lane Community College where he won the Junior Pan-American Decathlon Championship and the Junior National Decathlon Championship.

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The Last Word...

MEMORIES OF HARTSVILLE

The news came almost like a revelation to me while I was poring over a box of "stuff," for lack of a better word, in the garage. It had been 25 years this spring since I was first introduced to Hartsville and Trousdale County, the small area in between Macon, Smith, Sumner and Wilson County in Middle Tennessee.

It was part of nearly another life, the time I spent at Oak Ridge National Laboratory in the mid-1970s. The people I worked with, Dick Schuller, the late Jim Fowler, Eric Sundstrom, John Lounsbury, Joyce Costomiris, David Dowell, Emily Passino, Elizabeth Peelle, among others, were part of a group investigating the social and economic impacts of nuclear power plants on local, "host" communities.

We had been looking for a way to examine what happens to local governments when a large energy generating facility moves in next door and found the answer just off Exit 258 (Carthage-Gordonsville) on I-40. The Tennessee Valley Authority had proposed building a four-unit nuclear power plant on the Trousdale-Smith County line in Dixon Springs. After some considerable deabte, it ended up being called the Hartsville Nuclear Power Plant ("World's Largest") and Hartsville became a permanent part of my vocabulary. It was back in the days when nuclear power was a hot issue and we were jumping right into the cauldron of an emerging controversy locally and in the Nashville area.

Whatever. The memories of Hartsville, many of which revolve around football, are varied and rich.

There was John Kerr Field in the middle of town, right off Court Square. It seated about two-thirds the population of the county (around 7,000) and I can remember the late Jim Satterfield, long-time Superintendent of Schools and legendary football coach sitting in his office over the northwest corner of the field and pointing out the venues of the great plays in Yellow Jacket football history. These were the places where young men in Purple and Gold brought this small town so many memories.

It wasn't too long ago that "John Kerr Field" became "John Kerr Field/Jim B. Satterfield Stadium" shortly after Satterfield died of a heart attack a few summers ago.

It's also interesting to note that when TVA proposed building a railroad line from the west side of town to the plant site on the east of town nobody really noticed its impact until they saw its proximity to the stadium. That was that and TVA decided to barge materials in rather than use the expanded railroad. Score one for the good guys.

Hartsville and Trousdale County's Reggie Harper (85) in a familiar spot, scoring a TD at Neyland Stadium. Think about the great Vol tight ends and his name comes up. The fans in the background tell the story.

It was in 1977 that then national coach of the year John Majors who had just signed on with Tennessee ended up in the cafeteria at Trousdale County High School speaking at the football banquet. There just so happened to be two major college players there who, not coincidentally, ended up signing with the Vols in Majors' first year as head coach of the Vols.

Their names were Donnie Oldham and Reggie Harper and you'll remember Harper as the bull-in-a-china-shop tight end who made All-SEC in 1979. Oldham was injured early in his career and never played again.

I'll always remember John's appearance there in Hartsville, to the point of cuing Russ Bebb into the story when he wrote his 30-year history of Vol football a few years back.

Whenever a big play was need during Harper's career, the football intelligentsia in Section PP, Row 14, always looked in the general direction of No. 85, Reggie Harper, the "Man from Trousdale County."

There were a host of fine people like County Judge Ray Foley and WJKM Radio owner and operator Chester Davis, who made Hartsville's Tobacco Bowl a must-see attraction across the midstate.

Edwin Huster of the Vol Network professed amazement when I once mentioned Chester's name out of the blue, probably because WJKM was once a long-time Vol Network station and Edwin had dealt with him more than once. Chester was one of a kind. No doubt.

There were also then-Mayor James Donaho, Sheriff Charles Robinson and Foley's assistant Ruth Carman. There were a number of other fine people like Patricia Langford, June Gregory and Red and Georgia Williams, the latter of whom ran the Williams Motel on Highway 25, my home away from home.

WJKM was a daytime only station so I could hear the broadcasts of Trousdale County football played on Saturday mornings on my way to Nashville. I usually was able to hear a playoff game on my way to Nashville for a Tennessee-Vanderbilt game in late November. If not, I searched the agate in the Saturday paper until I found the Trousdale County score. More often that not, they won.

Jerry Richmond was the "Voice of the Yellowjackets" and brought home the story of TCHS football as no one else could from his vantagepoint high above John Kerr Field/Jim B. Satterfield Stadium.

On Friday nights during the fall, I can close my eyes and hear Richmond, known as "Cheese" to his friends for reasons I know not, in the distance intoning what would be his lead-in if I were his ghostwriter:

"From John Kerr Field and Jim B. Satterfield Stadium on the banks of the Goose Creek in Hartsville, Tennessee, it's time for Trousdale County football. Hello everybody, I'm Jerry Richmond bringing you the story of tonight's game..."

About that time, I fall asleep and have to wait until I get the score the next morning.

The nuclear plant was never finished, standing mutely as a monument to something, I know not what, on the east side of the county. Life does go on and the school continues to win, even against teams with larger rosters in higher divisions. There are new rivalries and new challenges, but the tradition continues.

Everybody needs to be a part of a Hartsville and Trousdale County at least once in their lives. I have been for 25 years, off and on, and I cherish the memories.

— Tom Mattingly

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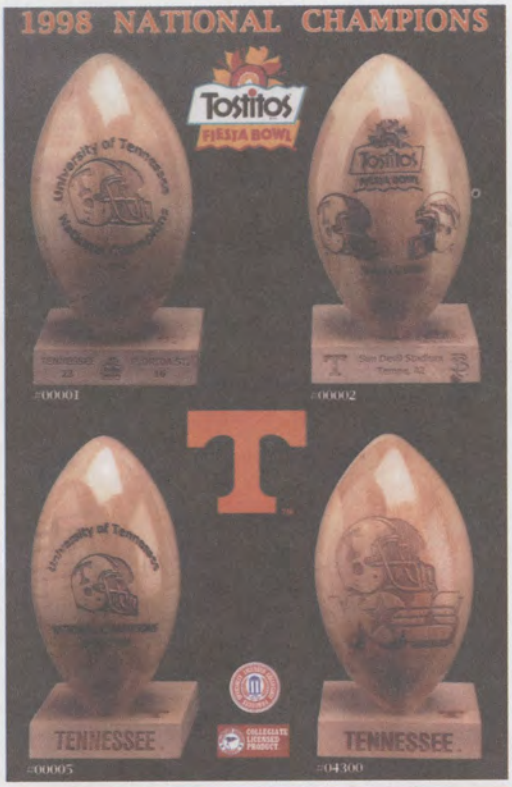

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